
Ms. Croll presented the Finance and Claims Committee Report covering the regular meeting held January 9, 2001.

Ms. Croll noted that the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 resolution and approval of the State Plan, in accordance with the Act, were included in the Finance and Claims Report of January 9, 2001 and would be included in the approval of the Finance and Claims Committee motion for approval of the Report.

Mr. John Williams, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Preparation for the Department of Career Development presented an overview of the Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act and the State Plan for the implementation of the Federal requirements for the Perkins funds. There are approximately 170,000 students in the 11th and 12th grades that participate in about 2,400 separate programs through 53 Career Centers in different areas of the State.

A State Plan Referent Committee, incorporating businesses, academic educators, career and technical education administrators and other interested parties, took about a year and a half to develop this State Plan to meet the Federal requirements. The 1998 version of the Perkins program focuses on standards and student performance through academic proficiency, technical achievement, job placements and enrollment in post secondary educational programs.

In Michigan, the Perkins funds are divided between secondary programs and community college programs with 60% of the funding going to the secondary programs and 40% of the funding to community colleges. Funding will be allocated to the districts and community colleges by a federal formula based on the number of students in secondary education and post secondary education. The grant recipients develop individual plans that will provide the federally required activities as well as services which are not required, but are permitted for use of the Federal funds.

After presentation and review of the forgoing Committee Report, Ms. Croll moved that the regular Finance and Claims Committee Report of January 9, 2001 be approved and adopted. The motion was supported by Mr. Hughes and unanimously approved.

Mr. Hughes noted for clarification, that the action of the Board on the Resolution for the Carl D. Perkins Grants and the corresponding State Plan would be viewed as one of the four meetings required by the Executive Order 2000-12.